

To Sri S.V. Raju with the Compliments of P.R. Ganapappa
Please show this to Mr. Masani.
Dear friend,

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We wish to bring to your notice the truth about the so-called dissolution of our party by placing before you some facts listed by Mr. S.V. Raju who was our Party's Executive Secretary, in an article entitled, "NOTIONAL ALTERNATIVE" in "FREEDOM FIRST", edited by Mr. M.R. Masani:-

1) In the National Convention the resolution that was passed to effect dissolution did not say that the Party is dissolved with immediate effect. It said, dissolution will take effect "from such date as the President Mr. Piloo Mody may declare" This was because the BKD had its own problems and it was left to Mr. Charan Singh to decide from what day the Swatantra should cease to exist.

2) The resolution further said that such of those who would not join the new party, BLD, may carry on non-political activities only, but "in any name other than Swatantra". This was ridiculous. They thought the Party's name was like a trade mark which is legally protected.

3) The ceiling that used to be followed on the number of delegates from each State was removed. Out of a total of 483 delegates, 209 had been brought by buses from U.P. The demand for a secret ballot was rejected. There was pressure on many delegates. In one State the Party's property had been mortgaged to an Office Bearer. Another delegate's family safety was under fear. A person had paid for the fares for a number of "committed" delegates from a Southern State.

4) Ring masters and cheer leaders had been arranged to keep on shouting "Piloo Mody Zindabad" and to manage votes. Those who opposed the resolution were barracked and shouted down.

5) In spite of all this tactics 53 delegates refused to budge and recorded their opposition. Later at a Press Conference the Tamilnadu, Maharashtra, Haryana, Kerala and Delhi Units of the Party declared that they would continue to function as Swatantra Party.

There are other points that deserve our attention. The BKD did not formally dissolve its identity. There was opposition within BKD to Mr. Charan Singh's dictatorial methods. The other small parties whose names we had not properly heard before wanted some excuse to disappear. Thus all those who wanted to find some alternative to themselves began to call themselves as the national alternative. If the B.L.D. was really a national alternative they should have thought of a new flag and a new symbol. Instead they declared that the symbol and the flag of the BKD would be adopted by the BLD. Now there is a dispute between BLD and BKD on these issues!

Now the Swatantra continues despite the futile and hurried attempts by some people to end it. The BKD is openly quarreling with the BLD. The N.S.P. under the leadership of Mr. Madhu Limaye will continue to function. Thus the so-called national alternative, the BLD, which began with the crash programme of reducing the number of parties actually ended with another addition to the list of parties we are already having.

In our own State, Mr. Ganapappaiah had not furnished accounts and he managed to see that the accounts and charge was not handed over to the newly elected Treasurer. Mr. Ganapappaiah while desiring to be the President of the Swatantra Party, was flirting with some of the Ruling Congress Leaders in the name of the Farmers Federation etc. He even tried to sabotage a meeting of the Swatantra Party workers held on 18.8.1974 at Bangalore. Mr. Ganapappaiah is guilty of gross mismanagement of the Party affairs and this was why he was not in a position to answer many questions raised in Party Meetings. This is one of the reasons for his determination to somehow dissolve the Party. While every attempt should be made to see that such people do not go scot free, it should be realised that this is the finest hour to revitalise the Swatantra Party with new and clean blood, since every warning that the Party gave to the people has come true. The people even now have to accept either Swatantra ideology and principles or misery. We therefore invite you to the task of building up the Swatantra Party. Efforts are being made to have liaison with other State Units where the Party has taken similar decision. The Tamilnadu Swatantra Party is shortly convening a National Convention of the Party and it is hoped that it will mark the beginning of a vigorous phase in the history of our Party. For all details write to us to the above address.

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